

08-22-01

AF/10248#
8/27/01
C. Style
NE

CASE 4-31824B/C1C1



FILING BY "EXPRESS MAIL" UNDER 37 CFR 1.10	
<u>E282001470345</u> Express Mail Label Number	<u>August 21, 2001</u> Date of Deposit

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RECEIVED

AUG 27 2001

IN RE APPLICATION OF

J. DALES

ART UNIT 1624

APPLICATION NO: 09/265,926

EXAMINER: MARK L. BERCH

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

FILED: MARCH 11, 1999

FOR: PREPARATION OF PURINES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2001, regarding the above referenced application. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

A petition for a two-month extension of time and instructions for charging the required fee to the appropriate deposit account are included herewith. The time for response is now set to expire on August 21, 2001.

Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Application No. EP 302,644.

Applicant maintains traversal of this rejection. The generic compound held to anticipate Applicant's single species of Claim 5 is the compound of formula I of Application No. EP 302,644